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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FINAL BRITISH DRAFT FOR PROPOSED
JOINT DECLARATION MENTIONED IN REFTEL AND PASSED US BY
BRITISH EMBASSY HERE:

BEGIN TEXT

1. OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, DETERMINED TO DO ALL IN THEIR
POWER TO AVERT THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR WAR AND TO STRENGTHEN
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, ARE CONVINCED THAT WE SHARE WITH
ALL MANKIND A COMMON INTEREST IN THE CONTROL OF THE SPREAD
OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THE MEANS TO MAKE THEM.

2. THE DANGER OF A SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IS IN-
CREASINGLY ACUTE. THIS CALLS FOR GREATER EFFORTS ON THE
PART OF ALL STATES TO STRENGTHEN THE BASIS FOR THE NON-
PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR
PROLIFERATION CARRIES THE SEED OF DESTRUCTION ON A MASS

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SCALE: NOTHING LESS THAN WORLD PEACE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

FOR HUMAN BEINGS ON EARTH ARE AT STAKE.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT ADDITIONAL WAYS CAN AND MUST BE FOUND OF IMPROVING AND STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY TO PROMOTE THE PEACEFUL BENEFITS OF NUCLEAR

ENERGY WITHOUT AT THE SAME TIME CONTRIBUTING TO THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

4. THE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND TO PLACE CONSTRAINTS ON THE MEANS TO MAKE THEM ARE ON THE RIGHT LINES. BUT THEY ALONE ARE NOT ENOUGH. BEARING IN MIND THE ENORMOUS INCREASE IN CIVIL NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES EXPECTED IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS, FURTHER INTERNATIONAL ACTION IS URGENTLY REQUIRED TO PREVENT THE POSSIBLE DIVERSION OF RESULTING FISSILE MATERIAL INTO NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

5. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING SYSTEM IN ORDER TO COPE WITH THIS PROBLEM. ONLY MEASURES OF UNIVERSAL APPLICATION CAN BE WHOLLY EFFECTIVE. THE DEBATES AT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAVE INDICATED AREAS WHERE URGENT ACTION IS REQUIRED.

6. THE REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE N.P.T. WILL MEET IN GENEVA IN MAY. IT WILL BE OUR JOINT PURPOSE TO MAKE A SUCCESS OF THIS MAJOR OCCASION.

7. OUR BASIC STARTING POINT IS THE EXISTING N.P.T. TO WHICH THE MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES ARE ALREADY PARTIES. IT IS IMPORTANT AND URGENT TO ACHIEVE THE BROADEST POSSIBLE MEMBERSHIP OF THE N.P.T. WE ARE AWARE OF THE REASONS WHICH HAVE HITHERTO MADE THIS DIFFICULT BUT WE SHALL DO OUR BEST, TOGETHER WITH OTHERS, TO FACILITATE IT. WE NOTE THAT THE UK, ALTHOUGH A NUCLEAR WEAPON STATE, HAS OFFERED TO PLACE ITS CIVIL NUCLEAR PROGRAMME UNDER I.A.E.A. SAFEGUARDS AND IS ENGAGED IN NEGOTIATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS OFFER.

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8. CONSTRAINTS ON PROLIFERATION WOULD BE ENHANCED IF ALL SUPPLIERS OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT WERE TO REQUIRE SAFEGUARDS NO LESS STRINGENT THAN THOSE DESIGNED BY THE I.A.E.A. TO MEET ARTICLE III OF THE N.P.T. WE ATTACH MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO ACHIEVING THE MOST EFFECTIVE POSSIBLE SYSTEM OF SAFEGUARDS ALONG THESE LINES.

9. OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS PLEDGE THEMSELVES TO RE-

EXAMINE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS TO PREVENT THE THEFT OR SEIZURE OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS WITHIN THEIR TERRITORIES AND TO IMPROVE THEM WHERE NECESSARY. THEY URGE OTHERS TO TAKE SIMILAR STEPS.

10. OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL WORK FOR THE FULLEST POSSIBLE PROVISION UNDER APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARDS OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND INFORMATION FOR PEACEFUL USES IN NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES.

11. OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, CONSCIOUS OF THEIR OBLIGATION THAT POTENTIAL BENEFITS FROM ANY PEACEFUL APPLICATIONS OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURES, WILL SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT BY THE I.A.E.A. OF A P.N.E. COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITIES AND PROBLEMS POSED BY THESE DEVICES. IN DOING SO WE RECOGNIZE THAT IN TERMS OF THE NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TECHNOLOGIES REQUIRED FOR NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES INTENDED FOR PEACEFUL OR FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.

12. IN LINE WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF THE N.P.T. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO WORK FOR A TREATY TO BAN THE TESTING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS BY ALL COUNTRIES IN ALL ENVIRONMENTS WITH AN EFFECTIVE SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION OF ALL ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. MEANWHILE AS AN INTERIM MEASURE WE WOULD BE READY TO SUPPORT AN AGREEMENT TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS WITH ADEQUATE VERIFICATION.

13. OUR GOVERNMENTS WELCOME RECENT PROGRESS TOWARDS COOPERATION AND DETENTE BUT RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN THE BURDEN OF ARMAMENTS AT A TIME
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WHEN THE WORLD IS FACING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF AN UNPRECEDENTED SEVERITY. OUR GOVERNMENTS AGREE THAT IT IS OF THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE THAT FURTHER PROGRESS SHOULD BE MADE TOWARDS DISARMAMENT IN ORDER TO RELEASE RESOURCES FOR MORE CONSTRUCTIVE PURPOSES, AND REAFFIRM THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE DISARMAMENT DECADE.

14. OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WELCOME THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE SALT AS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO LIMITING STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THEY LOOK FORWARD TO EARLY EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE REDUCTIONS AND FURTHER LIMITATIONS IN SUCH WEAPONS.

15. OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS SYMPATHIZE WITH THE CONCEPT

OF PROMOTING REGIONAL SECURITY THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF EFFECTIVE NUCLEAR-FREE ZONES, AND WILL SUPPORT A
COMPREHENSIVE STUDY IN THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON
DISARMAMENT ON THIS SUBJECT. THEY ACKNOWLEDGE THE

SUCCESS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN STATES IN ACHIEVING THE
TREATY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN
LATIN AMERICA AND HOPE THAT ALL THE STATES WITHIN THE
REGION WILL SOON ENABLE THE TREATY TO COME INTO EFFECT
THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

16. OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH
A SENSE OF URGENCY TO FURTHER THE CAUSE OF DISARMAMENT IN
ALL APPROPRIATE FORA, INCLUDING THE UNITED NATIONS AND
THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT. END TEXT
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